

NEWS UPDATE

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FINAL Update From Operations Command Center About Hurricane “Gustav” Relief Effort

What’s New Since the Last Update?

- The last group of FEMA-assisted evacuees left for the Gulf Coast this morning by chartered bus and handicapped accessible vans. More than 100 “special needs” persons left the Ed Rice Community Center just after 8:30.

Are Any Shelters Still Open?

- All FEMA-assisted evacuee shelters are now closed.
- Any Gulf Coast evacuees should register for disaster assistance through FEMA at 1-800-621-FEMA or go to the website www.fema.gov. Evacuees are urged to keep all receipts for lodging and other expenses for reimbursement.

For more than a week, representatives from various Memphis and Shelby County Government bureaus, community agencies and churches worked 24 hours a day to meet the lodging, food, medical and spiritual needs of more than 3,000 Gulf Coast evacuees.

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